



Martin becomes BPI certified

As part of a system wide initiative to become skilled and certified in the green movement, KY Tech-Floyd County ATC principal Lenville Martin recently underwent training to become BPI (Building Performance Institute) certified as a Building Analyst Professional. To meet the goal, Martin took classes at Bluegrass Community and Technical College. He successfully passed a two-part test that was composed of written and hands-on evaluation methods.

According to its website (<http://bpi.org/>), “BPI believes there is a need for a highly trained, skilled and professionalized residential energy efficiency retrofit and weatherization workforce.”



“The training is in-depth and I’m glad to have completed it satisfactorily by earning a certification. It’s all about safety and the envelope (outside) of the home instead of just adding insulation,” said Martin. “As an inspector, one looks at the whole system in a home and there are parameters you must cover in order to make sure the house meets a prescribed set of standards.”

Martin is no stranger to this type of training and is backed up with a bachelor of science in energy studies from Morehead State University (MSU); bachelor of science degree in math with a minor in physics from MSU; master’s degree in education with



a math emphasis from MSU; Rank 1 from MSU with an emphasis in leadership; and an HVAC diploma from the former Hazard State Vocational Technical School. Martin also holds a master license in HVAC in both Kentucky and West Virginia.

In looking toward the future, Martin feels that KY Tech instructors would be a great fit in helping Kentucky become a nationally recognized state by conscientiously combating the rising costs of energy. “Not only can we do BPI surveys, we can also provide homeowners with tips that they can use to immediately conserve energy.”

According to Mike Kindred, OCTE deputy executive director, “there is a need for BPI certified instructors in Kentucky as well as throughout the nation. Kentucky Tech is leading the way in not only getting our instructors BPI certified, but in offering this curriculum to our students so that they can become educated and part of the national green jobs movement.”

“I went through the training to help out the KY Tech system of schools by setting an example for others to follow,” said Martin. “However, I also wanted to become certified so that we can get to the point of holding training at my school to help homeowners learn about energy efficiency, and so others can provide community outreach in their cities and counties throughout the KY Tech system.”



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